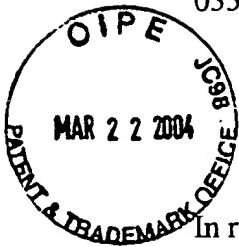


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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

TAKEHIKO NAKAI,

Application No.: 09/866,587

Filed: May 30, 2001

For: DIFFRACTIVE OPTICAL ELEMENT)
AND OPTICAL SYSTEM HAVING :
THE SAME)

Examiner: A. Amari

Group Art Unit: 2872

March 22, 2004

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicant petitions to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated November 20, 2003, for one month from February 20, 2004 to March 20, 2004. A check in the amount of \$110.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows:

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